jist March MENDOZA'S * THEORIQUE \ND PRACTISE OF WAR *

The book of the *Theortque and practise of War,* written *by* Don Bernardino de Mendoza (that was Spanish ambassador here before '88) and published at Antwerp last year is now translated into English by Sir Edward Hoby He coi*nselleth that provisions or levies of men which are to be made for any manner of war, by sea or land, should be coloured with some different motive whereby no time may be given to the enemy to perceive it by preventing designs with the contrary By no better means may this be effected than in sending upon such occasions ambassadors to those Kings who are most suspected would oppose, plotting with them treaties of new friendships and good correspondency according to the humour and disposition in which they shall find them, lulling them asleep with such offers as may hold in suspense and at the gaze the more part of the potentates.

* VlRGIDEMIARUM *

There is entered a book called *Vvrgidemiarum,* to be in sis books, the first three books being toothless satires of matters poetical, academical and moral, the other three not yet ready Quoth the author

> * I first adventure with foolhardy might,
> To tread the steps of perilous despite
> I first adventure , follow me who list,
> AncT be the second English Satirist *

2nd April THE SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

The great extremity that our troops endure by reason of the want of money hath caused Sir Thomas Baskemlle to lay in pawn all his plate and all the other means that he hath to relieve

them Of late an enterprise was made to surprise Arras upon a vain hope and an uncertain French plot to blow open a port with a petard, assuring themselves by that to have entrance. But at their arrival there the strength of the place with little assistance from the town did frustrate their expectation. Our men had no loss but their toilsome march, though the French lost some few In the camp the King is taxed for lechery, and Madame Gabrielle accounted cause of all ill-